

RACIAL PROFILING DATA/2006

Agency: Independence Police Dept.

Population: 89,143

age 16 and over

KEY INDICATORS	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Stops	59770	51148	5903	2034	258	12	415
Searches	10456	8283	1609	435	36	0	93
Arrests	4411	3362	762	247	0	0	40
Statewide population %	N/A	84.22	10.73	2.13	1.39	0.44	1.09
Local population %	N/A	89.91	2.38	4.19	1.13	0.65	1.74
Disparity index	N/A	0.95	4.14	0.81	0.38	0.03	0.40
Search rate	17.49	16.19	27.26	21.39	13.95	0.00	22.41
Contraband hit rate	1.55	0.43	6.15	6.21	0.00	#Error	0.00
Arrest rate	7.38	6.57	12.91	12.14	0.00	0.00	9.64

Notes: Population figures are 2006 Census estimates for persons 16 years of age and older who designated a single race. Hispanics may be of any race. Other includes persons of mixed race and unknown race.

Disparity index = (proportion of stops / proportion of population). A value of 1 represents no disparity; values greater than 1 indicate over-representation, values less than 1 indicate under-representation.

Search rate = (searches / stops) X 100.

Contraband hit rate = (searches with contraband found / total searches) X 100.

Arrest rate = (arrests / stops) X 100.

#Error indicates zero denominator.

VEHICLE STOP STATS		Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Reason for stop	Moving	44804	39548	3517	1215	243	12	269
	Equipment	3857	3039	572	235	0	0	11
	License	11109	8561	1814	584	15	0	135
	Investigative	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stop outcome	Citation	53805	46298	5189	1734	181	12	391
	Warning	5410	4373	669	284	60	0	24
	No action	555	477	45	16	17	0	0
Location of stop	Interstate hwy	1041	783	201	42	0	0	15
	US hwy	11214	9264	1319	462	85	0	84
	State hwy	12009	10395	1109	379	36	0	90
	County road	24	24	0	0	0	0	0
	City street	35278	30503	3260	1140	137	12	226
	Other	204	179	14	11	0	0	0
Driver gender	Male	33539	28368	3348	1390	114	0	319
	Female	26231	22780	2555	644	144	12	96
Driver age	17 and under	2688	2427	166	64	3	0	28
	18-29	24666	20635	2846	868	116	12	189
	30-39	13018	10705	1486	669	55	0	103
	40 and over	19398	17381	1405	433	84	0	95

SEARCH STATS		Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Probable cause/ authority to search	Consent	2209	1768	415	0	6	0	20
	Inventory	2053	1640	237	151	0	0	25
	Drug/alcohol odor	1530	1152	355	0	12	0	11
	Incident to arrest	3913	3108	493	267	18	0	27
	Plain view contraband	126	116	0	0	0	0	10
	Reasonable suspicion-weapon	625	499	109	17	0	0	0
	Drug-dog alert	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
What searched	Driver	4066	3172	666	189	12	0	27
	Car/property	3411	2742	489	129	12	0	39
	Driver & Property	2979	2369	454	117	12	0	27
Search duration	0-15 minutes	4967	3961	682	240	25	0	59
	16-30 minutes	3826	3049	551	181	11	0	34
	31+ minutes	1663	1273	376	14	0	0	0
Contra-band found	Drugs/alcohol	95	13	65	17	0	0	0
	Currency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Weapon	20	13	7	0	0	0	0
	Stolen property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	47	10	27	10	0	0	0
Arrest charge	Outstanding warrant	2816	2060	603	113	12	0	28
	Drug violation	374	335	39	0	0	0	0
	Resist arrest	48	17	31	0	0	0	0
	Offense against person	68	38	30	0	0	0	0
	Traffic Violation	2402	1731	505	166	0	0	0
	DWI/BAC	5351	5291	38	10	0	0	12
	Property offense	1731	1731	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	192	145	22	25	0	0	0

Agency response

The Independence Police Department is an internationally accredited Police Department that does not tolerate racial profiling. Last year in an attempt to get more accurate compiling of data, we purchased the Scantron System and were trained by their personnel on that system. Our numbers dramatically increased. We have recently found out by hand counting the forms that the machine was not working properly. Each time we entered a Scantron form, we saved the information, then later came back to enter more data. The machine calculated all the previous data that was entered and added that amount to the end of what was just entered. This caused our total stops to be inaccurate. Although the total ratio would still be correct, our total stops were not calculated correctly. We are now looking into a different system so our numbers will be accurate. Our total stops of minority drivers have consistently remained between 7%-9% of the total driving population with the small disparity most likely being accounted for by the fact that Independence shares its borders with Kansas City, Missouri. What this does point out in our recount is that we are still not reporting the correct number of vehicle stops although we did improve over last year. We are now in the process of correcting this by whatever actions deemed necessary to see that these forms are filled out in a timely and accurate manner. We apologize for this incorrect total of traffic stops, and we are correcting this situation immediately. We want to abide by all the laws and policies of the State of Missouri.